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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (FORD, GERALD PRESIDENT)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S VISIT -- DRAFT COMMUNIQUE

1. FOLLOWING FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND COMMENT IS THE TEXT OF A DRAFT COMMUNIQUE FOR THE PRESIDENT'S JAKARTA VISIT. TEXT HAS BEEN APPROVED BY SECRETARY FOR SUBMISSION TO WHITE HOUSE. IT SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED WITH GOI AT THIS TIME.

2. QUOTE: PRESIDENT AND MRS. GERALD FORD OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VISITED THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA FROM DECEMBER 5 TO DECEMBER 6, 1975, AT THE INVITATION OF PRESIDENT SUHARTO. ACCOMPANYING THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD WERE (NAMES TO BE INSERTED). THE VISIT FOLLOWED UPON THE INFORMAL JULY 1975 VISIT OF PRESIDENT AND MRS. SUHARTO TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE THEY WERE ENTERTAINED AT CAMP DAVID BY PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD WERE THE GUESTS OF HONOR AT A STATE DINNER GIVEN BY PRESIDENT AND MRS. SUHARTO ON
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DECEMBER 5. PRESIDENT FORD PLANTED AN AMERICAN MAGNOLIA

TREE ON THE GROUNDS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE IN JAKARTA ON DECEMBER 6 AS A LASTING SYMBOL OF THE FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE INDONESIAN AND AMERICAN PEOPLE.

PRESIDENT FORD AND PRESIDENT SUHARTO MET ON DECEMBER 6 FOR A CORDIAL AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND BILATERAL ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, FOREIGN MINISTER MALIK AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING.

REFLECTING THE MANY AREAS OF INTEREST SHARED BY THE TWO COUNTRIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND ELSEWHERE AND THE COOPERATIVE ENDEAVORS IN WHICH THEY ARE ENGAGED, PRESIDENT FORD AND PRESIDENT SUHARTO AGREED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A JOINT UNITED STATES-INDONESIAN CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION WHICH WILL PROVIDE EXPANDED POLICY CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND PROGRAMS. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE COMMISSION WILL BE CREATED FOR RENEWABLE TWO YEAR TERMS AND WILL MEET ANNUALLY, ALTERNATING BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND JAKARTA. THE CO-CHAIRMEN OF THE COMMISSION WILL BE THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE AND THE INDONESIAN FOREIGN MINISTER, WITH ADDITIONAL MEMBERS DRAWN FROM SENIOR LEVELS OF THE RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES AND MINISTRIES OF THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. INFORMALLY CONSTITUTED SUBCOMMISSIONS WILL ALSO BE ESTABLISHED TO ASSIST IN THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION. THE FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMISSION HAS TENTATIVELY BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE SPRING OF 1976 IN WASHINGTON.

THE TWO PRESIDENTS CONCLUDED THAT THEIR MEETING AND THEIR DECISION TO ESTABLISH A JOINT UNITED STATES-INDONESIAN CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION MARKED AN IMPORTANT FURTHER STEP IN DEVELOPING INCREASINGLY CLOSE AND FRIENDLY TIES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES OF INDONESIA AND THE UNITED STATES.

PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD AND THE MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN PARTY EXPRESSED THEIR DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY SHOWN THEM BY PRESIDENT AND
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MRS. SUHARTO AND BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF INDONESIA.
UNQUOTE.

3. REFERENCE TO TREE-PLANTING CEREMONY IN TEXT HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY INFORMATION CONTAINED STATE 277344. ONCE DECISION IS MADE AS TO WHETHER IT WILL BE REPLACED BY OTHER TYPE OF CEREMONY, TEXT WILL BE APPROPRIATELY AMENDED. INGERSOLL

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